

May 27, 2013

Board of Supervisors
County of San Luis Obispo
Room D-430, County Government Center
San Luis Obispo, California 93408
Sent via email to: fzohns@co.slo.ca.us

RE: Recommendation for Appointment to Area Board 9 on Developmental Disabilities:
MRS. GERALDINE SENNA

Dear Board of Supervisors:

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors appoint: **MRS. GERALDINE SENNA** for a three year term from **JUNE 1, 2013 to May 31, 2016** to Area Board 9 on Developmental Disabilities (Area Board 9).

Mrs. Senna has extensive experience personally and professionally understanding the needs of and serving individuals with developmental disabilities. She is a person with a disability and knows well the system and challenges faced by people in our community with developmental disabilities. We believe that she will be a tremendous asset to our board of directors.

Discussion

The California Welfare and Institutions Code section Education Code Article 6, sections 4543-4548, requires that area boards be established regionally for monitoring of agencies that provide services and supports to individuals with developmental disabilities. For **San Luis Obispo County**, Area Board 9 provides this monitoring function. Article 6 requires that the local governing body, in this case, **San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors**, appoint at least 4 voting members to Area Board 9.

The duties of Area Board 9 are codified under Article 6 and include:

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- Protecting and advocating for the rights of individuals with developmental disabilities living within the county.
- Conducting trainings to the public.
- Providing advocacy for systemic change.
- Pursuing legal, administrative, and other appropriate remedies to ensure the protection of the legal, civil, and service rights to individuals who require services or who are receiving services within the county.

Thank you for your consideration of this important appointment. If you have any questions about the information contained in this letter, please contact me at (805) 648-0220. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A. Bacigalupo".

Anastasia Bacigalupo

Executive Director

Area Board 9 on Developmental Disabilities

ATTCH: Application for Appointment, Geraldine Senna